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FOLLOWING EXCHANGE ON SOUTH MOLUCCAS OCCURED AT UN SYG
WALDHEIM'S JANUARY 14 PRESS CONFERENCE:

QUOTE

QUESTION: SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS HAS NOW SET A PRECEDENT BY
THE GRANTING OF RECOGNITION TO A NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODY THROUGH
THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE PLO, WOULD YOU SAY THAT SUCH ACTION
HAS OPENED THE DOOR FOR HEARINGS TO OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL
GODIES, SUCH AS THE KURDS AND SOUTH MOLUCCANS. I UNDERSTAND
THAT ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH MOLUCCAS GOVERNMENT

-IN -EXILE SENT A LETTER TO YOU AND A MEMORANDUM ON THE
GRIEVANCES OF THE 3MILLION SOUTH MOLUCCANS WHO, LIKE THE KURDS, ARE
STRIVING FOR

SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. MAY I ASK YOU WHETHER
YOU HAVE GIVEN THIS CASE SOME OF YOUR ATTENTION?

THE SECRETARY - GENERAL: I CANNOT SPEAK FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
I HAVE TO MAKE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS
MASTER OF ITS OWN BUSINESS AND THAT IT IS UP TO IT TO DECIDE WHO
GETS A HEARING IN THE ASSEMBLY AND WHO DOES NOT. THEREFORE
I THINK YOUR QUESTION HAS TO BE DIRECTED TO THE ASSEMBLY.

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I REALLY CANNOT SPEAK FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. UNQUOTE

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